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## SATIRE WELL-AIMED!

(From the Marion, Ala. Herald.)  
We take particular pleasure in directing the at-  
tention of the reader to "The Bustle," by a mem-  
ber of the Literary and Philosophical Society.—  
The lines are really beautiful and caustic, and we  
must say the subject which he satirizes is one at  
which ridicule may with great propriety be directed  
—at least in the opinions of the gentlemen.

## THE BUSTLE.

Haste, Venus! daughter of the purple wave,  
Unveil on earth thy radiant charms no more.  
His maid of beauty to thy coral cave,  
Thy peerless reign, alas! too soon is o'er.  
Nor longer now ye artless Graces rise,  
Your forms in sweet perfection to display;  
Love, grace, and beauty with the goddess dies,  
—Since now *la mode* proclaims the "Bustle's" sway.

Hail, humpback'd muse! if such a muse there be,  
Of Gods begot or of the briny sea,  
List to my song, sweet goddess now attend,  
And with my verse thy bumpiest numbers blend.  
From Helicon, or from Parnassus' height,  
Look o'er my page and guide my pen aright.  
Tell me ye daughters of the tuneful Nine,  
If one of you e'er wore a bump behind?  
Tell me, ye sisters of the graceful Three,  
If such a bump on one of you there be!  
Oh say! sweet goddess of the nimble chase,  
Does such a bump your outward woman grace?  
Proclaim it mistress of the rosy room,  
Does such a bump your outward Eve adorn?  
Speak, gentle Hebe, thou fairest of the fair,  
And if a bump thou hast, sweet goddess tell us  
where.

Hail, beauteous Psyche! whom artless Nature  
blest,  
With charms by far more perfect than the rest;  
In praise of whom, both gods and men combine,  
Say, lovely spirit, nearest thou a bump behind?  
In vain, alas! the sculptor's god-like art,  
Bids grace and beauty into being start!  
In vain he moulds the female form divine,  
If Venus lacks an extra bump behind!  
In vain, Apollo strikes the tuneful lyre,  
And all the Muses in his praise conspire!  
Even Poesis sing, 'mid Tempe's flowery maze,  
And God's combine to utter forth her praise!  
Ah, no! 'mong all in vain I seek to find,  
A maid who wears a bump behind.  
Proclaim it daughters of the tuneful choir,  
And touch my song with notes of liquid fire,  
Whilst now I sing of etiquette, the laws,  
Extol *la mode*, and plead a "Bustle's" cause.  
Hail, beauteous hump! mysterious bustle say!  
Of flesh and blood, of rags, bran, or hay,  
Art thou composed, and dost thou claim  
A local situation and a name!

Say whence thou sprang, and what thy use and end,  
And these I promise with my verse to blend.  
Thou art, indeed, the pride of every belle,  
Who delights at all to cut an extra swell,  
And, by thy aid, secure the utmost honor  
That feathers, rags or hay, can heap upon her.  
I know of bumps, at least a score in all,  
Which have been worn from time immemorial:  
To wit—the back, the shoulders; and 'tis said,  
That humps abound the smoothest head.  
Now, if from these paternity you claim,  
Then tell me, pray! what is your proper name?  
Some call thee "Bishop," "Bunkney," "Tournure,"  
And others, by at least a dozen more.  
But now, forsooth, myself will call thee "Bustle,"  
Which means, you know, to frisk about and bustle,  
Or move at least, with so small a compass,  
As not to raise a riot, row, or rumpus.  
But these aside, in thee alone we find,  
Love, grace and beauty, in one heap combin'd!  
In thee alone, new beauties rise and live,  
Which only art and etiquette can give,  
Among the grave, the gay, the sad or merry,  
Each maid displays a hump *la Dromedary*;  
The rich, the poor, tho' duns and debts entrammel,  
Are found equipped, *la la mode de Camel*.  
The young, the old, tho' long since tired of fashion,  
Alike delight, the extra lump to lash on.  
In truth, 'tis strange, the Gods should thus mistake,  
And place such beauties on a Dromey's back.  
When Venus rose, this mark of grace should claim,  
And raise complete, her beauty, back, and fame.  
Hail, wondrous age! when Nature's perfect law  
Resigns the contest to a bag of straw:  
When fashion bold, embracing every whim,  
Augments the form where Nature fain would trim,  
And taste, as fickle as the fleeting wind,  
Must needs attach an extra hump behind;  
While youth and beauty, bending 'neath the load,  
Becomes a martyr to the laws *de mode*.

But, spite of these, I'll plead a Bustle's cause,  
Extol *la mode*, and emulate the laws,  
The age, the custom, etiquette and taste,  
The largest bustle, and the slenderest waist;  
And if for these I'm favored by the fair,  
I'll add the grace, the manners and the air,  
For all are written in that perfect code,  
The laws of Fashion, or in French *la mode*.

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THEIR NAMES.—The queer looking hoods  
worn by the ladies are called, "Kiss-me-if-  
you-dare." Do you hear that, boys?

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"ERROR CEASES TO BE DANGEROUS, WHEN REASON IS LEFT FREE TO COMBAT IT."—JEFFERSON.

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## LUCILLE; OR, THE FRENCH HARPISTE.

A warm and delightful evening in the  
middle of July was fast closing, the deep  
clouds of night were rolling majestically  
over the horizon, bearing darkness and si-  
lence onwards, and telling that nature was  
hastening to repose. The inhabitants of a  
fashionable square had risen from their  
dinner-tables, and in all the drawing-rooms  
might be seen the light of chandeliers, and  
groups of lovely women seeking amuse-  
ment: some with the latest novels, others  
with lively conversation, and some (and  
they were not a few) sat inhaling the de-  
lightful breeze, loaded with the perfumes  
of the flowers which were placed around  
the rooms and on the balconies. In one  
of the principal houses of the square, and  
in a magnificent drawing room, sat Ida  
Hilderton, the lovely debutante of the season,  
surrounded by all those *petit negrems*,  
which are so indispensably necessary to  
highly-refined women, where a conscious-  
ness of high birth and large possessions  
are augmented by mental culture and in-  
tellectual attainments. On a low ottoman  
at the feet of Ida lay a beautiful greyhound  
decked with roses, and a small, delicate  
love-bird rested on one of her richly-jew-  
elled hands, while a handkerchief of lace  
was held carelessly in the other. She sat  
apparently unconscious of the admiration  
she excited, and talked in a low voice to  
the bird who picked anxiously at the  
snowy white hand which supported it.  
Ida's beauty was captivating—it was so  
delicate, so pure. Her face was cast in  
the Grecian mould, with sleeping orbs,  
veiled with dark lashes, resting on her  
delicately-tinged cheek; her mouth was  
small, and at each corner of her coral lips  
sat a light curve, displaying pearly teeth,  
and her smile had a charm perfectly ir-  
resistible.

On this night she wore white Mechlin  
lace over rich white satin, and a girde of  
silver confined her sylph-like waist; her  
sleeve fell over her arm to the elbow, and  
then displayed a beauty of *contour*, a clas-  
sical perfection, which Praxille vainly  
had attempted to surpass; her hand was  
equally faultless, and the long taper fingers  
were whiter than the handkerchief they  
held. Around her, were bouquets of flow-  
ers, and vases filled with oriental perfume  
stood beside her; the rich plumage of far  
famed birds gleamed from cages of golden  
wire; pedestals of marble and scagliola sup-  
ported pale cold statues, or *bijouterie* and  
articles of *vertu*; thus the room was one  
delicious temple, dedicated to Luxury and  
Art. Ida had sat playing with the bird  
for some time without noticing her guests,  
who had sought different occupations till  
the gentlemen arose from dinner, and  
most of them had gone with Mrs. Hilderton  
to walk in the conservatory, leaving Ida  
and her favorites together. At length the  
gentlemen ascended to coffee, and the ladies  
returned to the drawing-room, when con-  
versation light and fashionable began to  
circulate amongst the different groups.  
Near Ida sat a favorite cavalier of the  
party, vainly endeavoring to obtain a  
glance from her lovely eyes; and opposite  
to her, apparently engaged in looking at  
a print, stood the heir to an earldom, wish-  
ing he was the bird, or the greyhound, or  
the handkerchief, or any thing that Ida  
loved or admired; but Ida neither looked  
at one or the other.

"It was the opinion of Charles the  
Fifth, Miss Hilderton," said the heir, "that  
we speak English to birds."

"And Italian to ladies," was the cool an-  
swer. "Why not speak *la bella lingua* to  
me, if you follow the Emperor's maxim?"  
Ida smiled as she said this, and glanced  
towards a window, where sat a young  
man, holding a cup of coffee in an easy  
manner, perfectly displaying a finely-for-  
med white hand and seemingly intent on  
taking the pattern of the carpet in his  
mind's eye, to compare it with others on  
some future occasion.

"Listen!" said Ida, starting from her  
couch: "there is music;" and the sound of  
a harp was heard beneath the balcony.  
Instantly the windows were thrown open,  
and the visitors rushed to hear the Har-  
piste, while Ida drew near the farthest,  
and stood by the silent young gentleman,  
who smiled, and offered a chair as she ap-  
proached. From the blaze of the light  
within, and the brightness of the gas with-  
out, the figure and face of the Harpiste  
were clearly seen, and her rapid and bril-  
liant execution astonished and delighted her  
audience.

"I have seldom heard such a thrilling  
touch," remarked Ida. "What a pity she  
should play thus, and find such small en-  
couragement, for nothing but absolute ne-

cessity could have obliged her to seek  
bread by itinerant playing."

"She is *une demoiselle Francoise*," said  
the young man, gazing firmly on Ida's  
lovely face. "Listen! there, she sings!" and  
a perfectly natural voice arose in all its  
wild beauty, singing a pathetic French Ro-  
mance.

"Has she not a pretty style, Mr. Beres-  
ford?" asked Ida, who seemed pleased with  
the musician, "I fancy there is a touch  
of romance about her. I feel an interest in  
her; she is as youthful as myself, and a  
wanderer."

"You are a little enthusiastic creature,  
Ida," was the answer. "Now, surely, you  
do not fancy her a Princess in disguise, or  
a maiden escaped from a haunted castle,  
where some malignant giant confined her.  
Tell me, what do you imagine?"

"Some disappointment, a faithless lover,  
a father banished for breaking the laws,  
and, after a bright happy girlhood, she be-  
comes what she is now, with a life of deso-  
lation before her. Have I drawn a touch-  
ing picture, Beresford? Is not that suffi-  
cient misery for a novel?"

"Not quite, truth is stranger than fiction,  
I am sure, Ida, there is more real wretch-  
edness, more deep misery, in many hearts  
than any novel could describe (and Fer-  
dinand Beresford spoke for the first time  
feelingly.) Perhaps you have no idea of  
the meaning of grief, and if you have not,  
I hope you never will."

"Thank you, I can only wish you the  
same. Now we must contribute to the  
Harpiste; it ought to be a shower of gold.  
Viscount Lyvia first," and Ida moved  
away towards the spot where the Viscount  
stood, and a handsome collection was soon  
made, sufficient to awaken joy in the heart  
of the fair Harpiste."

"Ask her residence and her name; tell  
her to return to-morrow," were Ida's com-  
mands, and she once more returned to  
Ferdinand Beresford. A moment only  
elapsed, when she quitted his side, and  
for the remainder of the evening a beau-  
tiful blushing rosebud decked her bosom.  
It was not more lovely than those favorite  
children of Flora usually are, but Ida had  
never possessed one so inestimably valu-  
able before.

Ida Hilderton was devotedly attached to  
Ferdinand Beresford; she loved him better  
than aught else besides, and to win his  
esteem she would have resigned all her  
wealth and power, and of this Ferdinand  
felt quite conscious and not a little proud.  
In the society of Ida he seemed pleased  
and reserved, and a languid melancholy  
stole over him, which added a degree of  
calm repose and thoughtful gaze, of which  
those around him were bereft.

Mrs. Hilderton had long and silently seen  
Ida's growing attachment, and determined,  
by slow degrees, to find the exact point at  
which it had arrived; for Ferdinand was  
scarcely a desirable match for her daugh-  
ter, his father being the seventh son of a  
duke, and himself the youngest of nine  
children, all depending upon their grand-  
father's patronage for appointments in the  
army and navy or small lucrative places  
about court; and by dint of being seen in  
the Duchess' carriage in Hyde Park, and  
introduced at the different drawing-rooms,  
Ferdinand's three sisters were titled and  
tolerably rich ladies, who all united in  
saying he was too handsome for anything  
but a Secretary, and that he accordingly  
became, with a salary of £500 per annum,  
but no better prospects. This did not  
suit Mrs. Hilderton's projects for her child  
and she determined to separate the lovers:  
therefore, on the night in question, she  
believed she had seen sufficient to warrant  
her in so doing.

It was late before the party broke up,  
and as Ida received the farewell of Fer-  
dinand Beresford, for a moment his reserve  
was thrown off; he caught the little white  
hand and pressed it to his lips, and left  
the delighted maiden to ponder on this  
first act of love.

The sun had passed the meridian be-  
fore Ida arose, and putting on a simple  
*negligee* threw herself on her couch to  
breakfast alone. Many new feelings crowd-  
ed on her heart, and she sank her head on  
the soft satin pillow to dream; they were  
dreams of bliss, of love, and of Ferdinand  
Beresford. The voice of her maid aroused  
her with the intelligence that the Harpiste  
had returned according to her orders, and  
waited any commands Miss Hilderton wished  
to give.

"Bring her hither," said Ida, "I will con-  
verse with her, it will amuse me; and let  
her harp be brought also, I wish to hear  
her sing," and with a ready alacrity the  
waiting woman obeyed, and in a moment,  
the Harpiste stood in the luxurious bou-  
doir of Ida. There was a great difference

between the beauty of the young *noblesse*  
and the striking face of the wandering  
child of song; it was not a beauty to be  
painted and hung in a print-shop, to at-  
tract the notice of passers-by, nor to be  
sculptured for its fine regularity. No—  
it was a beauty in which shone mind, and  
feeling and firmness, combined with easy  
good nature and vigorous thought. Her  
face was shaded by a white cap, with large  
borders falling on her dark cheeks, and  
her hair, of glossy chestnut, was braided  
beneath; her forehead was high, and her  
eyes of dark blue; they had once been  
merry, laughing eyes, but their look of joy  
was gone, and save when she smiled with  
a strange, brilliant smile, her face wore no  
joyous expression. Her dress was of coarse  
blue marino, and a large shawl of red  
and black plaid completed her attire. Yet  
she stood before Ida, not boldly but easily,  
and seemed to look without any feelings  
of admiration or wonder on the luxury  
which surrounded the heiress, while Ida  
addressed her in pure Parisian as fol-  
lows:—

"You are a native of *la belle France*—is it  
not so?"

"Yes, my lady," was the timid reply.

"Have you been long away from home—  
long in England?"

"I have no home, my lady: I have been  
three weeks in this land," was the answer.  
"I have not had a home for years; this is the  
only relic now remaining, (and she placed  
her hand on her harp,) and it gains me my  
bread."

"You are not self-taught?" asked Ida; "you  
play too well for that. How long have you  
practiced the harp?"

"I learnt my art from one of the finest  
masters France possessed, and it is years  
since I commenced. I do not play so well  
as I used; my fingers seem stiff and less  
pliant than formerly. So many things are  
called to my mind by the tones of my harp,  
that sometimes I would rather weep than  
sing."

"Have you a father or mother with you?"  
asked Ida, feelingly; for she felt interested  
in the girl.

"I have neither now, my lady. A mother  
I never knew; a father I had, but his love  
is forgotten and I am quite alone."

"Why did you leave your home, poor ex-  
ile? Was your father's displeasure the  
cause? Have you no friends here? Are  
you quite alone?" asked Miss Hilderton, with  
glistening eyes in hers.

"Oh, it is a long story, my lady, and you  
will condemn me I know. I have not met  
with such kindness for years, as I now meet  
with from you. No one has manifested  
kindness for me; I am an outcast—wretch-  
ed and alone."

"Sit down there," said Ida, pointing to a  
velvet ottoman beside her, "and if it grieves  
you, cease to speak of your home. It is  
sufficient to know you are unhappy. I feel  
for you—I pity you much."

"Oh, no, dearest lady, I will tell you all,"  
said the Harpiste, "lest thoughts of my un-  
worthiness, to receive your kindness, steal  
into your bosom, and thus once more I be-  
come friendless, even as before I heard your  
voice."

"My father was tutor in the family of an  
Italian nobleman, and alternately resided in  
Italy and France, till, having completed the  
education of his pupils, he left them, mar-  
ried, and retired to the environs of Paris.  
I was his only child. My mother died short-  
ly after my birth, and I grew up till the age  
of ten years, with him alone. It was then  
he sent me to Paris to school, and I there  
learnt the harp which now gains me my  
livelihood, and became the favorite pupil of  
a too indulgent master. Could he see me  
here, the abject creature I am, would he re-  
cognise in the homeless wanderer, the once  
happy Lucille Beranger? No, he could not,  
would it were but a dream. I remained five  
years in Paris, and then my father recalled  
me, and I returned home. Oh! how well I  
remember that evening, when the 'diligence'  
entered my native village, and I saw  
my father's cottage peeping out amongst  
the trees, the summer sun setting behind  
the hill, and the roses twining round the  
casements of my long remembered home.  
Beneath the porch stood my father, and be-  
side him a person I had never seen. I  
thought at first it was one of his old pupils,  
come to visit their kind tutor; but the face  
was not Italian, and the smile was too sweet  
to be ought but English. As soon as the  
diligence stopped, my father rushed for-  
ward and embraced me, and led me into the  
house, followed by his strange compan-  
ion. This was Mademoiselle Beranger," said  
the stranger, stepping forward: "we want-  
ed only the presence of a lady here to com-  
plete our happiness. We shall be too hap-  
py." I saw my father's eyes glisten, and he  
smiled upon him; then turning to me, intro-  
duced him as his pupil, and passed a high

eulogium on his kindness and talent. It  
seemed that my father felt lonely after I  
left him, and had become melancholy and  
desponding, when one of his former pupils  
came to him, and introduced an English la-  
dy of good connections, but limited fortune,  
and asked him to educate her youngest son.  
My father willingly complied, and the  
young Englishman was to remain till his  
education was completed. All the morn-  
ing did my father devote to study, and dur-  
ing that period I sat alone in my little bon-  
doir, happy as ever maiden could be, till I  
heard the door of the library shut, and I  
knew the hours of study were over.

"Then I listened for the sound of foot-  
steps, and with a joyous heart I used to hear  
my father's pupil come silently into my  
room and hang over my chair, with some  
offering of flowers and fruit *chere Lucille*.  
He gave me birds, and books, and plants,  
and all that could make my home happier.  
At length—time passed rapidly—his educa-  
tion was finished, and the day was appoint-  
ed for him to leave. It was the first grief  
I had ever known and I shut myself up in  
my room to weep. The day on which the  
letter came to recall him, I saw him not,  
nor my father, for he had gone to see some  
friends at a distance, and the servant told  
me his pupil was in the library reading, and  
we remained apart the whole day. To-  
wards evening my heart began to break  
with grief, and I laid my head on the table  
and wept aloud. I could not bear to lose  
my kind companion, and I wept with pas-  
sionate earnestness at his coldness—till I  
felt a hand laid affectionately on my shoul-  
der, and I saw him standing looking atten-  
tively in my face.

"Spare the recital of all that passed then,"  
cried Lucille, raising her clasped hands to  
Ida imploringly.

"Suffice it to say, that in six months he  
promised to return and claim me as his bride,  
and bear me to these shores. He left us—  
six months passed away, and he came not.  
I heard nought of him. My life became a  
burden, and my heart was breaking, and I  
came to the rash determination to quit my  
home in search of my faithless lover."

"It was a lovely moonlight night, cloud-  
less and starry; I could not sleep, and I felt  
my brain grow dizzy with suffering; my  
head burnt with pain. It was the work of a  
moment to throw my shawl around me, and  
take with me my beloved harp, and before  
dawn I was far away from my father—  
an alien and a beggar."

Here Lucille paused, as though the inten-  
sity of her feelings would not allow her to  
proceed, and sat weeping silently till Ida  
fondly took her hand in hers, and asked if  
she had found her lover.

"Oh, no, no; if I had, I would not be here;  
I would go back to my poor old father, and  
seek his forgiveness. I would bear that faith-  
less one to our peaceful home, which for two  
long years I have not beheld, and in quiet-  
ude pass the remainder of my life."

"Can you tell me the name of your false  
lover? Do you remember him perfectly?  
Tell me, and if I can aid you in find-  
ing him I will."

"Remember him! Oh, I shall remember  
him until I die," sobbed Lucille, "and on my  
heart is engraved the name of Ferdinand  
Beresford."

A change passed over the beautiful con-  
tenance of Ida, and a deadly paleness over-  
spread her cheeks, and lips. She could not  
speak; and save the convulsive throbbing of  
the veins on her marble brow, there was no  
sign of life. The shock had come suddenly  
but surely, and Ida was from that hour a  
changed creature.

Lucille stood by her for a moment in si-  
lence, till a thought seeming to cross her  
brain, she sank down beside her clasping her  
hands in agony, and hoarse with emotion, ex-  
claimed—  
"You know him! you have seen him! Oh  
restore him to me, my long-lost Ferdinand!  
Give me but a hope that I may yet see him  
once more, and I die in peace! Oh, say he  
is not wedded; I cannot bear suspense—my  
heart is breaking—I beseech you tell me all  
—shall we ever meet again?"

In a wild manner Lucille uttered those  
incoherent expressions, and Ida, with an ef-  
fort of self-control, rose up to answer her  
inquiries.

"Return to-night, at nine, and you shall  
meet Mr. Beresford," was all she could say.  
Her heart seemed filled with restrained e-  
motion, and she again sunk back on her  
couch. To describe the joy of Lucille is  
impossible; her burst of deep gratitude to  
Ida; her ardent love for her old companion;  
and her sorrow for the grief she had occa-  
sioned her poor father; all seemed in turn  
to animate her bosom; but even there a  
tender regard for Ida predominated, and  
she looked with anguish on the woe she  
had caused.

It was not for some time that Lucille

could be prevailed on to leave her new-found  
friend; but at the earnest entreaties of Ida  
to leave her to repose, she at length con-  
sented. Ida lay still in bitter misery; her  
heart's best hope was gone. To know he  
had loved another was madness; to believe  
he still loved her was a torturing agony;  
and Ida allowed herself to doubt he remem-  
bered that Lucille Beranger existed; but  
she was deceiving herself; Ferdinand Be-  
resford loved with earnest devotedness his  
betrothed Lucille. He was not to blame;  
he had acted nobly to his parents; he had  
told them he loved his tutor's daughter, and  
resolved, on attaining his majority, to wed  
her. He was answered by taunts, threats  
and revilings; forbidden to hold the least  
communication with his betrothed, and fi-  
nally thrown, by the consummate art of  
his sister, Lady Vesey, into the society of  
Ida Hilderton, to wean his thoughts from the  
young French maiden. All their efforts  
failed; he burst their chains asunder, but it  
was too late. The letter announcing to  
Lucille his faithfulness, his continued love,  
reached its destination two days after she  
had quitted her home, and was never an-  
swered. He wrote again thrice, but no tid-  
ings came; till at length he received his  
letter back, with the mournful news that  
his old preceptor was dead and his once  
happy daughter a voluntary wanderer in  
other lands. Here all intercourse ceased,  
and Ferdinand Beresford mourned over his  
faithless Lucille.

It was impossible for him to recognize in  
the wandering Harpiste his favorite compan-  
ion; her voice bore no resemblance to that  
of the young French girl; it was mournful  
and that of Mademoiselle Beranger was  
glad and joyous; while in her disguising at-  
titude, under the clouds of night, he could not  
suppose for one instant the lovely face and  
sylph-like form of Lucille were conceal-  
ed; but still the tones of the harp recalled  
her to his mind; and it was the knowledge  
of the anguish he himself had endured,  
which prompted him to wish happiness to  
Ida. Little did he dream he was the being  
on whom her happiness depended; he loved  
her as a brother loves, but nothing more.

It was night, dark, gloomy, desolate night,  
to such hearts as Ida's; but it was day,  
bright joyous sunshine—to the expectant  
Lucille. The lamp shone brightly, the  
jewels sparkled gaily, and harp in hand,  
she stood beneath the centre chandelier of  
the magnificent drawing-room where Ida  
sat in desolation, to meet for the last time,  
Ferdinand, her idolized Ferdinand. It  
was late when he entered, with a smile on  
his lip, and a sparkle in his eyes, as elegant,  
as polished as a monarch need be; and as  
the first tone of his voice fell on the ear of  
Lucille, she sprang forward, and in a mo-  
ment the parted lovers were closely wrap-  
ped in each other's embrace. I pass over  
the scene so painful to Ida; to feel she loved,  
but in vain—and in despair to hear the  
word of love—to hear the tale of long  
remembered days gone by, was more than  
Ida's heart could bear, and she could only  
bless them, and bid them farewell.

Three weeks after this, a marriage ap-  
peared in the "Morning Post," celebrated  
first at St. James', Piccadilly and afterwards  
at the Catholic Chapel, Warwick street,  
Golden Square, it was the marriage of Fer-  
dinand Beresford and Lucille Beranger.  
And immediately below that, were these  
words:—

"Died, of a rapid decline, Ida, the beloved  
and only child of Horace Hilderton, in the  
16th year of her age." She was dead;  
her heart was broken; and in the long white  
fingers, cold and stiff, lay the faded rosebud  
given by one who was that day wedded.

Two friends who had been separated a  
great while, meeting by chance, one asked  
the other how he did?

He replied, that he was "very well and  
was married since they last met."

"That is good news, indeed."

"Nay, not so very good neither, for I  
married a shrew."

"That is bad, too."

"Not so bad, neither, for I had two thou-  
sand pounds with her."

"That is well, again."

"Not so well, neither, for I laid it out in  
sheep, and they all died of the rot."

"That was hard, in truth."

"Not so hard, neither, for I sold the skins  
for more than the sheep cost me."

"Aye, that made you amends."

"Not so much amends, neither, for with  
my money I bought a house, it was burn-  
ed."

"That was a great loss, indeed."

"Not so great a loss, neither—for my wife  
was burned in it!"

Here the dialogue ended.

"What shall I do, Doctor, when the gout  
seizes me?" said a bon vivant, recently, to  
his physician.

"Arm yourself, by all means," replied  
the witty physician.

"Arm yourself! what do you mean?"

"Get the arms of an easy chair and have  
them ready on each side of you."

LOOK OUT FOR CHAPS.—A pretty girl was  
complaining to a young Quaker, that she  
was dreadfully troubled by chaps on the lips.  
"Friend Mary," replied broad brim' thou  
shouldst not allow the chaps to come so  
near thy lips."

Do good and throw it into the sea—if the  
fishes don't know it, God will.